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Gallhi denies Phantoms linked to concessions

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

President Nixon's statement, implying that he had decided in principle to resume delivery of Phantom jets to Israel, was welcomed in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. Nixon's remarks were made during a television interview on Sunday night (see page 3).

Observers in Jerusalem warned against hasty evaluations of the Egyptian reaction to reports of the decision on the Phantoms. The fact that the immediate response had been comparatively mild did not mean that this was the last word from Egypt.

Although the "year of decision" deadline had passed, Egypt has by no means given up its military options.

Mr. Yisrael Galilee, Minister without Portfolio, told Israel Radio yesterday that the decision to renew the supply of Phantoms was "absolutely not" the result of any political concessions by Israel.

Speaking on the midday radio news, Mr. Galilee said the Israel Government rejects the linking of arms deliveries to political concessions. There had been no bargaining in the talks in Washington last month between Prime Minister Meir and President Nixon, he declared.

The honouring of the American promise would have the effect of deterring rather than provoking the Arabs into opening hostilities, he said.

"It is a far cry from the announcement that aircraft are to be supplied, to their actual delivery. We hope the President's statement will be put into practice." Mr. Galilee also said that "there are political problems which have to be cleared up." He said he hoped the Phantoms would begin to arrive "in the near future."

The Minister said the Israel Government was open to discussion, both on a Canal settlement and an overall agreement. The sole condition was that these discussions be held without preconditions.

Bhutto vows to free Mujib unconditionally

KARACHI — Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the East Pakistan leader, is to be freed unconditionally, President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto announced here yesterday.

The East Bengal leader is expected to go free in a few days after a further round of discussions with the President in Rawalpindi.

His fate was finally decided yesterday by a show of hands at a mass rally of more than 100,000 of Mr. Bhutto's supporters in Karachi. "Do you want him free?" the President asked the crowd, which indicated approval with a large show of hands and shouting. But endorsement of the President's wish to free Sheikh Mujib was not unanimous.

The President said that at his meeting with Mujib last Monday the first question put to him by the 51-year-old Bengali was: "Am I free?" "I told him, 'you are free — you can go,'" Mr. Bhutto declared. But the President said he also told the Awami League leader he would ask the people for their consent to his release.

This consent was given yesterday by a Karachi crowd. Sheikh Mujib is expected to be at liberty within a few days.

Sheikh Mujib has been under detention and recently house arrest for nine months. Leader of the Awami League which won an overall majority in general elections just over a year ago, he was imprisoned by the then Pakistani leader, General Yahya Khan, at the time of the army crackdown in East Pakistan last March. He was brought to West Pakistan and put on trial before a secret military court for treason and waging war against Pakistan. He was released from jail and placed under house arrest by President Bhutto who took over from General Yahya at the end of the 14-day war with India.

Radio Pakistan's report of President Bhutto's speech quoted him as saying his government was honouring world opinion in deciding to release Mujib. Mr. Bhutto said he hoped India would similarly honour what he described as the pressures of world opinion on it to quit Pakistani territories it had occupied.

There were shouts of "Hang Yahya" as the President talked of events under the previous regime.

President Bhutto waved their protests down "Listen," he said, "the question is that these things are all of the past. General Yahya had hidden a lot of things from the people. He said the politicians would fight against each other. He wanted seven or eight parties to come to power so that he could stand on top. His politics were a fraud. They were treacherous," President Bhutto went on.

The President, who spoke in Urdu for the entire 80-minute oration, said history would decide how Pakistan came to this present stage.

Friends said Begum (Mrs.) Mujib broke down and cried when she heard the news of her husband's imminent release.

As machine-guns could be heard in Dacca from the excited Mujib Bahini, Begum Mujib told a newsman that she had heard the same sounds on the night the Sheikh had been arrested by the Pakistani army. But today, she added, "it is different."

Thousands of jubilant people took to the streets of Dacca, commandeered buses and trucks and fired shots of joy into the air in spontaneous reaction to the announcement.

A crowd of excited youths immediately raced through the streets shouting "Jai Bangla" (Jong live Bengal) and "Sheikh Mujib, Sheikh Mujib," as bursts of rifle and automatic weapon fire echoed from all parts of the city in celebration for more than two hours.

Impromptu processions were organised and scores of Bangla Desh flags bobbed over the demonstrators, some of whom beat drums as they passed through the streets. (Reuter, AP)

TOURIST BOOM

ARRIVES growth in tourism during the past year has been stupendous, a jump of almost 50 per cent. The prime factor in this was, without any doubt, that this was the first full year cease-fire on the Canal, and the breaking up of the terrorist movement in Jordan. If that continues, we may expect next tourist figures to continue to climb. Even if there is some hoarding, the present security orders offer Israel protection from casual acts of terrorism that we have not known in the past.

One of the major factors in this boom is thus, in effect, beyond our control. That is the more reason why we should pay every close attention to those factors which we may influence. That is the one most important to the tourist, and the great majority of tourists is the quality of service, rather than the size and grandeur of hotel furnishings. The hotel schools that have made an important contribution to service in the hotels, but mainly where the higher qualifications are concerned — that is, chefs and managerial staff, what is needed is a front-line staff, awareness that it is they, the guest and not the cabinet ministers have direct contact with them, and who give them an idea of what the hotel is like.

They will not expect highly formal manners (and are not at all likely to meet up with them), but they must be made to feel welcome and to be treated as guests, not as tiresome people who are preventing the waiter from going off duty. Any hotel which acquires a reputation for courteous service will find this passed on from visitor to visitor, and if they are fully booked today and tomorrow, they should still consider this a good investment in the future. The tourist Ministry might also study the possibility of having cold-drink machines installed in smaller hotels, where no bar service is available in the evening. Where a tourist cannot get the glass of tea he might prefer, or only a glass of water, he will be willing to make do with a cold drink in the morning.

The other major complaint of tourists has been that when there is any difficulty over accommodation or an excursion, they are not told the truth. This is a common failing in tourist establishments in many parts of the world, but that is no reason why we need succumb to it. It is far better to tell a visitor that a certain excursion has been cancelled and that a different one is available instead, or that a bus has not got the promised air-conditioning, and let him make his decisions accordingly, than to allow him to discover the facts for himself during the trip. Visitors understand emergencies if somebody will take the trouble to explain them, but they hate to feel they have been tricked.

When all that has been said, it will be agreed that hotels and restaurants have made tremendous and successful effort to cope with the non-stop tourist season that has inundated us almost throughout the year. Tourist establishments have made money, most of it in valuable foreign currency, and at a cost in Israel pounds that compares very favourably with any other industry. They have worked very hard and are entitled to the respect and consideration to our other successful currency-earning enterprises.

Advance U.S. Viet Cong retaliate group in Peking

PEKING (Reuter). — A presidential advance party arrived here yesterday in Peking's first snow of the winter to make final preparations for President Nixon's visit to China next month.

Light snow was falling as Brigadier-General Alexander Haig, Mr. Nixon's deputy national security adviser, stepped out of the Boeing 707 at the head of the group of 31 Americans. He was greeted by the head of protocol of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, Mr. Han Sun.

The President's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, is one of the advance party.

The American party drove into the capital in a fleet of four big red cars and over 20 Shanghai limousines. Among the party were heads of U.S. television networks, who will discuss television coverage with Chinese officials.

The mission's trip is mainly technical, though Gen. Haig is understood to be in a position to discuss substantive matters should they arise. There is a possibility the Chinese might raise the recent five-day American bombing of North Vietnam, observers here believe.

Viet Cong retaliate by shelling U.S. base

North Vietnamese inspect the wreckage of a U.S. plane shot down over Nho Province, according to the caption on this Hamlet radiophoto monitored in Warsaw.

(AP radiophoto)



Police warn against bomb parcels

The police yesterday issued a warning to the public not to open suspicious-looking parcels from abroad. They might contain explosives set to go off when the package is opened.

National police spokesman Mordechai Tabor said yesterday that an undisclosed number of explosive-laden parcels have arrived in the past few days. They look like books or boxes of candy. (One such "gift" was reported in yesterday's Post. Marked "Dear Diary" on the outside wrapper, it arrived at a factory which carries out work for the Defence Ministry. A police sapper was exploded without causing any damage.)

Another bomb package was discovered yesterday in a Government office in Tel Aviv, thanks to the alertness of the employees there. Post Office officials have also been alerted to watch for any others that may be on the way.

The police caution recipients of such unsolicited parcels not to open them, but to put them in an isolated place and to call the police immediately. (7Min)

Syrians open fire in Golan Heights

TEL AVIV. — Syrian guns opened fire at three Israeli positions in the course of one hour yesterday morning.

The Army spokesman reported that at 6:30 a.m. a number of shells were fired from Syrian territory at positions in the Hlabin area of the Golan Heights. Five minutes later several 82mm. shells were fired at positions near 'Neval Golan, and shortly after 7 a.m. light arms fire was directed at another position.

The fire was not returned and there were no casualties.

The last time the Syrians opened fire in the Golan Heights was on September 10, when they shelled Ramat Shalom and two Syrian patrols briefly intruded in the northern and central sectors.

40 VIOLATIONS

As the Viet Cong's New Year truce ended the South Vietnamese high command reported 40 violations by the Communists of their own cease-fire, including 30 violations which occurred during the 24-hour cease-fire by South Vietnam and its allies. A command spokesman said total government casualties were 21 killed, 45 wounded and four soldiers missing. Communist casualties were 45 killed and two captured.

Military spokesmen in Saigon have released no damage assessment following the bombing raids into North Vietnam, apart from news last week that 11 anti-aircraft sites were destroyed.

Poor visibility due to rain, cloud and fog over target areas in the south of North Vietnam — the same bad weather which some military observers believed hampered bombing operations — has hindered full studies of more than 1,000 attacks by U.S. fighter bombers, military sources here said.

North Vietnamese gunners yesterday continued their deadly rain of shells on the big American-

JARRING'S RETURN

As to the forthcoming return of Dr. Jarring to an active role, Mr. Galili said: "The Egyptians have decided on war, but for the present refrain from opening fire and have declared their willingness to try the political course. Israel must therefore be ready for a new beginning."

The Minister went on to take issue with those who thought the Egyptian postponement of the resumption of hostilities meant the fighting would not be renewed. He said: "We must view the danger of the renewal of hostilities as still hanging over us, and this makes it vital not to miss any political opportunities. We are therefore waiting for Jarring to try to renew his mission, while rejecting the demand for a prior commitment on Israel's part for total withdrawal."

Mr. Galili termed "nonsense" the charge that a view had been aired in the Government to the effect that war would be worth while for Israel "for the purpose of covering up the internal situation." He said no such view had ever been expressed and the suspicion that it was a "disgrace to those who propagated it."

Recalling some of the developments which followed Israel's request for planes, Mr. Galili mentioned Egyptian President Sadat's visit to Moscow, increased arms deliveries to Egypt including aircraft equipped with air-to-ground missiles, the course taken by Russia in the Indo-Pakistan war and the situation in Malta.

Sadat again meets with Soviet envoy

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday met with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov for the second time in six days, Cairo's Middle East News Agency reported last night. The agency gave no further details except to say that the meeting was attended by the presidential adviser on national security affairs, Hafez Ismail.

Mr. Sadat met Ambassador Vinogradov last week as Cairo observed its end-of-the-year "madness" with a policy statement reasserting that the Middle East war was inevitable, emphasizing, however, that diplomatic efforts would be maintained.

Yesterday's meeting coincided with two other developments with broader ramifications: Cairo's reactivation of the country's top-level military and political machinery, and its intensive consultations with Libya.

The latter seemed more salient, judging from Cairo's moves. Egyptian War Minister Mohamed Ahmed Sadak flew into Tripoli Sunday night, and Mr. Sadat will today dispatch a message to Libyan's Col. Mu'ammer al-Gaddafi with Deputy Premier Abdul-Kader Hatem, who is scheduled to leave Cairo this morning.

Libya at the moment is active on two fronts: it is clearly flirting with Meir's and apparent Soviet attempts to fill the vacuum to be left after the British withdrawal from the island, and it is advocating an Arab strike against American interests following the U.S. affirmation that the supply of Phantoms to Israel would be resumed.

Egypt's semi-official "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that, on kicking off the new round of top-level military meetings on Sunday, Mr. Sadat had discussed U.S. arms supplies to Israel with his commanders.

Meanwhile, Egypt's chief diplomat in Washington, Dr. Ashraf Ghorbal, is expected to return to his post shortly after spending a few days in Cairo.

50-60 Hungarians defect to West

VIENNA, Austria (AP). — Fifty to 60 Hungarian tourists have defected to the West over the last three days, official sources reported yesterday.

A customs official at the Nickelsdorf border checkpoint in Burgenland province confirmed that, on Sunday alone, 44 Hungarians were absent from four tourist buses due to reenter Hungary after visiting Austria. It was the highest figure in one day for 4 months.

In Vienna, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry said yesterday 20 Hungarians sought political asylum in Austria Dec. 31, 1971-Jan. 2, 1972. But it was not possible to determine whether any of the 44 were among them.

Bosporus closed for bridge-building

ISPHANBUUL (UPI). — The Bosporus, dividing Europe from Asia and linking Soviet Black Sea ports with the Mediterranean, will be closed to shipping for four days next week, Istanbul port authorities announced yesterday. Guiding cables for the suspension bridge, now under construction by an Anglo-German group, will be drawn across the waterway between January 11-14.

Mintoff ready to call in foreign forces

VALLETTA (Reuter). — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff declared last night that he was prepared to call in foreign armed forces if the need arose in the national interest.

In a statement to Malta's Parliament referring to his ultimatum that British forces must quit the island unless they paid more for using its bases, he said no armed forces would be allowed in Malta without his government's consent.

"We have friends, we have allies everywhere," he said. "If we have to, if the need arises, we will bring in armed forces from other countries. We will get them."

The Prime Minister did not indicate which country he would ask for troops or when. But it was assumed here that he was referring to Libya, with which he is forging closer links. (Story, page 2.)

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Belfast bomb blast sends 60 to hospital

BELFAST, Northern Ireland. — A beer truck with a bomb in it blew up outside a busy department store yesterday and 60 people were taken to hospital. Most of the casualties were bargain hunters at a New Year sale in Brandy-Hunter store — one of the biggest in Belfast.

The truck had been stolen a few hours earlier in the Catholic Falls Road area. It exploded in narrow Castle Lane, an area full of stores, cafes and bars. Wreckage of the blast was hurled over a wide area. At least eight of the injured were reported in serious condition.

Earlier, police announced that 18 people are to face charges following last night's raid by troops on a social club in one of Belfast's Catholic districts. Two civilians and one soldier were injured during the fight with 75 men barricaded inside the club.

In an earlier week-end swoop on another Belfast Catholic club in the Ardoyne area, which is claimed as an I.R.A. stronghold, soldiers said they arrested four I.R.A. men and claimed three were senior officers of the outlawed organization. They were netted with about 50 others, the majority of whom were released after questioning.

Libyan ammunition rumoured in Malta



Children of British servicemen in Malta help in packing up to leave the island yesterday after their schools were closed. (AP radiophoto)

Malta may return George Cross

LONDON (Reuters). — The Daily Express reported yesterday that Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff might send back to Britain the George Cross it awarded to Malta in World War Two.

The late King George VI bestowed the award on the island on April 17, 1942, in recognition of the fortitude of the Maltese people under intense bombardment.

(In Valletta, no official comment was available immediately; but informed sources there had serious reservations about the accuracy of the report, since it was noted that the George Cross was awarded to all the people of Malta.)

RUSSIAN AIR BASE FOR ASWAN DAM

LONDON (ENA). — The Russians are building a new military airfield for the sole use of the Soviet Air Force near the Aswan High Dam in Egypt, according to a report by Chapman Pincher in the "Daily Express" yesterday.

The dam is believed to be a prime Israeli target in the event of an all-out Arab-Israeli war, for it could cause a major flooding disaster in Egypt if it were breached, Pincher states. The report states:

"British and U.S. intelligence chiefs are concerned at the speed at which the airfield is being constructed."

"They are convinced that it is scheduled to be ready for full operation by May — when President Nixon flies to Moscow for summit talks with the Kremlin leaders."

It continues:

"This has strengthened fears in London and Washington that with the Kremlin's connivance, Egypt will step up Middle East tension at that time by staging shooting incidents on the Suez Canal to which the Israelis are sure to respond."

"A dramatic demonstration of the tinderbox nature of the Middle East situation during the talks would enable the Kremlin to concentrate on the importance of a quick settlement there to world peace."

"To secure other East-West benefits, President Nixon might then be induced to put more pressure on Israel to accept a substantial withdrawal from the Suez Canal and Sinai Desert."

"The Russians are taking special precautions to guard the dam in case any Canal incidents degenerate into all-out fighting."

"Israeli Phantom bombers have the range to reach the dam and Israeli scientists are believed to have been developing special weapons to breach it at a possible reprisal for the bombing of Tel Aviv."

"The intelligence reports indicate that the new airfield will be entirely Russian-manned," Pincher stated.

Jordan said offering premiership to J'lemite

By ANAN SAFADI
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Jordan is consulting with West Bank leaders over the formation of a new Jordanian government to replace Premier Ahmed Lawzi's five-week-old cabinet, it was reported by Mr. Lawzi, who is reported to be generally ill, took over as Premier following the murder of Wasfi al-Tal, who was gunned down in Cairo on November 28.

A reliable source in Jerusalem said last night that the Jordanians have recently offered the premiership to Mr. Anwar al-Khatib, former governor of the East Jerusalem district, who currently lives in Shufat, a suburb north of Jerusalem. However, Mr. Khatib reportedly begged off.

A non-practising lawyer, he is currently concentrating on research before writing a book.

Meanwhile, according to reports reaching here from Amman, King Hussein is trying to pick his premier from among a list which is said to include his cousin, the acting Chief of Staff, Major-General Zeid Ben-Shaker; the Ambassador to London, Zeid Rifai (who arrived over the week-end in Amman following his release from a British hospital, where he had been treated for arm injuries after a terrorist assassination attempt on his life); the chief of the royal court, Alwan Tarawneh; and the Secretary-General of the newly created Jordanian National Union, Mustafa Dowdhi.

Social and Personal

Mr. Abraham Harman, President of the Hebrew University, yesterday called on the outgoing Guatemalan Ambassador, Miss Francesca Fernandez Hall, and presented her with a medalion of the University engraved with her name.

Sgan-Abn Moshe Taifa, Haifa Town Mayor for the past 20 years, was honoured yesterday at a farewell party at the Municipality attended by City officials, and senior police and Army officers. S/A Taifa is about to retire after 35 years of Army service.

Prof. Hans J. Morgenthau of the University of Chicago yesterday visited the Hebrew University, calling on the President, Mr. Abraham Harman.

The third Yuval concert, sponsored by the Jerusalem branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, will take place at the YMCA Auditorium on February 20. The concert will be under the auspices of Health Minister Victor Shechtov.

Dr. Haim Yehli, Chairman of the Broadcasting Authority, will lecture on "The Jewish aspect in Israel's foreign policy" at this evening's meeting of the Lion's Club at the President Hotel, Jerusalem at 8 o'clock.

Danish king has heart attack

COPENHAGEN. — King Frederick of Denmark suffered an acute heart attack yesterday but his doctors said last night that the 72-year-old monarch's condition was slightly improved.

The popular King, who has reigned since 1947, was taken ill at the week-end with influenza and initial signs of pneumonia. On Sunday, a court announcement said his condition was improving. It said his temperature was falling and his illness was a normal case of influenza.

Queen Ingrid and Princess Margrethe, the 32-year-old heiress to the throne, drove to the hospital behind the ambulance that took the King. They left the hospital after about an hour.

The King had been ill with influenza since New Year's Eve. Looking old, tired and ailing, he made his traditional radio-television broadcast from the Amalienborg Palace and went to bed immediately afterward.

MASS RALLY

A mass rally against internment, carried out in defiance of the Government's ban on public marches, passed off peacefully in a Belfast park on Sunday despite initial fears that it would provoke civil clashes. At Drogheda in County Tyrone, a terrorist bomb wrecked a former school house which is used by the Protestant Church of Ireland, but there were no casualties.

Meanwhile, the first batch of Irish troops being withdrawn from service with the United Nations peace force in Cyprus will leave for home by a special plane tonight.

Part of the Irish battalion is being withdrawn at the request of the Irish Government to reinforce security at home because of the troubled situation in Northern Ireland.

A group of 160 officers and men will leave today, while another batch of 92 will go home on January 19 — leaving the Irish contingent at company strength.

New Egypt-Italy telephone link

CAIRO (Reuters). — Italy and Egypt were linked by a new 1,700-kilometre undersea communications cable yesterday when the Prime Ministers of the two countries spoke with each other by telephone.

The \$5.5m. cable, which carries 700 circuits for phone, telegraph and telex calls, was laid in the Mediterranean between the Egyptian port of Alexandria and Capri in Italy. It also links Egypt to Libya, till today linked by a 60 circuit cable.

The new cable link was laid by British Standard Telephones Corporation.

Another submarine cable linking Alexandria to Beirut with 120 circuits would be completed by the end of the year, it was reported. A project to link Cairo to Aswan with a ground cable is also underway. This will improve communications with Sudan.

'Israel's Air Force won't be stopped'

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The new all-Russian military air base reportedly going up near the Aswan Dam in Egypt will not diminish the Israel Air Force's ability to penetrate deep into the Egyptian hinterland, informed observers commented here yesterday.

In the event that hostilities are resumed, it is assumed here that the Israel Air Force would sustain as long as possible from attacking Russian-protected sectors of Egypt such as Cairo, Aswan and possibly Alexandria, so long as this course of action did not run contrary to vital military interests.

But the odds in the air have changed significantly in Israel's favour since the August 7, 1970 cease-fire. The first three months of the cease-fire were exploited by the Egyptians, encouraged by their Soviet advisers, to lay down a dense anti-aircraft defence system.

Israel is subsequently reported to have incorporated into its Air Force various new weaponry systems, and the Shrike (anti-radar and anti-missile missiles), and even to have used the latter on one occasion against Egyptian SAM batteries.

It is primarily the deterrent image of the Israel Air Force which is believed to be keeping the Egyptians at bay — less out of fear of a repetition of the 1967 debacle, than a possible repetition of the IAF's telling series of blows during the subsequent war of attrition, particularly the deep strikes of January 1970.

The IAF has meanwhile raised another new generation of young pilots to reinforce its ranks. It has also introduced the 30 millimetre cannon — standard equipment on most Israeli aircraft — said to be the most effective of its kind in the world. It is produced by Israeli ordnance plants and has become a number one foreign-currency earner — superior even to the 6,000-round-per-minute U.S.-made Vulcan, a six-barrelled nose-mounted gun firing 20 millimetre shells mounted on the Phantom.

The Israeli cannon fires more slowly than the Vulcan but it is effective over longer ranges and carries a far more effective shell.

It was the success of Israeli planes using guns during the Six Day War and in subsequent dog-fights with Egyptian and Syrian planes that led both the Americans and the Russians to again install cannons on their missile-carrying fighter-interceptors.

BIG BOMBS

Today's Israel Air Force can carry "blockbuster" bombs of up to 1½ tons (manufactured here). For greater versatility, Israel has introduced change in the specifications of its planes, enabling them to serve as bombers, interceptors or ground support aircraft. And their range has been vastly increased with the development of in-flight refuelling, as demonstrated during

Panther rally in J'lem today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's Black Panthers have called a demonstration for 4.30 this afternoon, to protest against alleged discrimination and to demand higher pay and better housing conditions.

Although the leaders declared that they would assemble at Davidson Square and march down to Zion Square — where they would hold a 45-minute demonstration — the police said last night that the Panthers had been granted a permit to gather at Menorah Square (near Beit Ha'am), and not to do any marching.

French fighter for Israel dies in Paris

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Thadde Diffe, the civil servant who headed the French brigade of volunteers who fought on Israel's side during the War of Independence, died in a motor accident on New Year's Eve.

Mr. Diffe, who was known in Israel by his Hebrew nom de guerre "Teddy Eytan", commanded 500 Frenchmen who rallied to Israel in 1947 and led the unit which liberated Beersheba. He was a Christian and the French brigade under his orders was composed of Jews and Christians in roughly equal numbers. They suffered heavy losses in combat.

Mr. Diffe fought in Marshal LeClerc's Second Armoured Division during World War II and was named a Companion of the Liberation by General De Gaulle.

Before and after his command in Israel he served on the personal staff of Mr. Rene Fievet who was successively Finance Minister and Premier of France in the late 1940s and early '50s.

Mr. Diffe was a senior adviser to Houphouet Bougaya, President of the Ivory Coast and an active Guallist politician in the French Fyennes. He was expelled from the party in 1970 after a quarrel with the local Guallist M.P., Alexandre Sanguinetti.

He was killed outright in a collision with an ambulance which was leaving a car park. The ambulance driver was seriously injured.

'Black Hebrew' turned back

LOD AIRPORT. — A young man who said he was a "Black Hebrew" and came to join his brother in Dimona was not permitted to enter the country on Sunday night.

The 22-year-old Black, whose name was not given, was stopped by the border police when he got off an inbound plane. Since he reportedly did not have visible means of support, and since no one met him at the airport, he was put on a TWA flight bound for London yesterday morning.

State List splits in two

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The State List has finally split in two. Mr. Meir Avizohar, M.K., and his supporters have walked out of the party that came into being in 1968, after the opposition in Rad to the merger with Mapai in the Labour Party opted for independence.

Mr. Avizohar will be a one-man faction for the time being, while the other erstwhile members will join the Labour Party.

The party, with David Ben-Gurion at its head, returned four Knesset seats in 1969, and Mr. Avizohar was Knesset Faction Chairman. The State List also has a number of municipal factions which are also splitting in two. Walking out of the old "Dayan for Premier" movement, headed by Dr. Pinhas Schwinger, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University's School of Business Administration, and Dr. Amiram Carmon, a lecturer at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. They will join the Labour Party.

Our Knesset Reporter adds that Knesset Member Uri Avneri has apparently won his parliamentary tussle with his ex-colleague in the Haganah Haneh faction, Mr. Shalom Cohen. The executive of the Alignment's Knesset faction (which will have the deciding voice in the House Committee) voted yesterday by six against four that Mr. Shalom Cohen not be recommended for faction status.

Mr. Cohen had applied to be recognized as the Israel Democrats faction — or Da, to use the Hebrew acronym, which also means "enough." He will hold the status of "individual M.K."

Chief Alignment Whip Moshe Baran led the six votes against recognizing Mr. Cohen. Alignment party Secretary-General Yisrael Yeshayahu backed Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Uri Avneri will assume the status of a "one-man faction," such as enjoyed by the Communists.

'Black Hebrew' turned back

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West German Chancellor Willy Brandt carries a parrot on his shoulder, to his wife's amusement, during a visit to the Jungle Gardens in Sarasota, Fla. In centre is the Brandts' ten-year-old son, Mathias. Mr. Brandt held two days of talks with President Nixon at the Florida "White House" in Key Biscayne last week. (AP radiophoto)



Liberia's Tolbert is inaugurated

'LEGALIZATION OF TREASON'

African unit rejects Rhodesia plan

SALISBURY, Rhodesia. — The African National Council yesterday rejected the proposed terms for an Anglo-Rhodesian settlement as "a legalization of the treason of UDI — unilateral declaration of independence — by Premier Smith's government."

This fresh attack on the proposals to end the six-year-old deadlock came as Britain prepared to send a high-level delegation here next week to test Rhodesian opinion about the settlement.

While the settlement terms were being rejected at a press conference by A.N.C. Chairman Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a former Conservative Minister in London, Lord Alport also criticized the proposals as "unrealistic."

Bishop Muzorewa, chairman of the group, which has emerged as a focal point of African opposition, denounced the settlement proposals as a sell-out of African interests — and claimed that the great bulk of Rhodesia's five million Africans backed the A.N.C.'s stand.

The Bishop was also severely critical of the appointment of the British Judge Lord Pearce as head of the commission which is to test the acceptability of the settlement terms among the people of Rhodesia. Recalling Lord Pearce's role in a similar case concerning the authority of the Rhodesian courts, the Bishop said: "So we have a chairman who could condone illegal measures in the interests of 'law and order,' who could condone treason in the claimed interests of necessity and who is not interested in whose fault it was that the constitutional crisis had been created. The African people cannot trust him."

The attack by former Minister of State for Colonial Affairs Lord Alport came in an article in "The World Today," published by the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

Lord Alport, who was special British government envoy to Rhodesia in 1967, accused the country's 250,000 whites of seeking permanent racial and economic superiority over the five million black citizens.

Lord Alport charged that Rhodesia's whites wanted to enjoy "political control of the country, a higher standard of living than most would care to compete with fellow Europeans elsewhere and the status of a racial elite claiming to be guardians of 'Christian civilized standards.'"

Lord Alport said the white Rhodesians had little intention of giving non-white Rhodesians fair opportunities. The drive to recruit 15,000 immigrants annually, most from Britain, shows that the Rhodesian Front has little intention of balancing employment opportunities between the races, he said. "White immigration not only gives the Europeans a sense of security which comes from the increase of the white population to offset the enormous African birth rate, but it will be effective in frustrating African political progress under the terms of the proposed settlement. The proposed settlement is a sell-out to Rhodesia's whites," he said.

'Pravda' slams Phantom sale

MOSCOW. — The U.S. decision to resume delivery of Phantom fighter-bombers to Israel was the end of a farce, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said yesterday. Dismissing Washington's desire for a peaceful Middle East settlement as "fiction," Pravda declared that the United States government was forced by American Zionist circles to resume shipments of the Phantoms.

"In light of this," Pravda continued, "Washington's claim to an absence of bias in the Middle East crisis and its assurances of wanting a just settlement are nothing but fiction."

The newspaper blamed Israel and the U.S. for the continuing crisis in the Middle East, but made no mention of Soviet arm deliveries to Egypt. (Reuters, AP)

Arafat vows terrorists will regain Jordan positions

CAIRO. — Palestinian terrorist leader Yasser Arafat has said that the Palestine terrorists will regain their positions in Jordan "whatever the price."

In an interview in the Cairo weekly magazine "Rose al-Yousuf," he said that in seven years of fighting with Israel the terrorists lost 6,000 killed and wounded, "while at the hands of the Jordanian tyrants we lost 25,000 killed or wounded." Despite their losses, he said, the terrorists were still prepared to make concessions to the Jordanian government.

Arafat was in Cairo last week and conferred during his two-day stay with President Anwar Sadat. He later left for Libya, and Algiers, where he arrived yesterday.

The assassination of Jordanian Premier Wasfi al-Tal in Cairo in November by the Palestinian terrorists was a direct result of tyranny and persecution, he said.

Meanwhile, in Cairo the President of the Egyptian Bar Association has requested a hearing for the murdered Wasfi al-Tal. The request, carried in Cairo newspapers on Monday, noted

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MONROVIA (UPI). — The president of the Liberian Senate yesterday inaugurated William Tolbert Jr., as this country's 19th president at a prayer and song-filled noon ceremony attended by Milton Eisenhower and the president of the Ivory Coast, Felix Houphouet-Boigny, and West African President Moustafa Oued-Deddi.

The President then launched into a 40-minute inaugural address in which he called for the inherent dignity of man to be respected throughout the world and on the African continent.

Justice Shimon Agron, president of the Supreme Court, represented Israel at the ceremony.

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deeply mourns the passing in New York of
Dr. MIRIAM S. SCHLOESSINGER
widow of
DR. MAX SCHLOESSINGER
Deputy Chancellor of the Hebrew University
and honours the memory of a gracious benefactor and
lifelong friend

Amin warns political activists

KAMPALA (Reuters). — President Idi Amin said yesterday he had given military police instructions to "crush" senior civil servants and Asians who hold political meetings here.

In a speech at Makindye Military Police Barracks, in Kampala, General Amin pointed out that all political activities had been banned in Uganda when he came to power a year ago. When the time approached for elections to be held "before," so that people would have time to make the necessary arrangements, he said. Under existing

Volkswagen lays off 90,000 workers

WOLFSBURG, W. Germany (AP). — Volkswagen, Europe's largest car producer, began a five-day layoff of 90,000 of 130,000 workers yesterday in its six plants.

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'Agreement in principle' on Phantom deliveries

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon strongly implied in his CBS television interview on Sunday night that he had agreed in principle to resume delivery of Phantom fighter-bombers to Israel.

of Phantom supplies to Israel, but informed sources were quoted as saying that they expected the U.S. would shortly resume deliveries.

Sadat's credibility

LONDON (Reuter). — "The Guardian" said yesterday that it was a cause for some relief that President Sadat had found a way round the deadline for a political or military decision in the Middle East by the end of 1974.

ed those who assumed that the death of President Nasser removed the only Arab spokesman of sufficient stature to make moves towards peace with Israel.

Nixon makes clear he will stand again

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon, making clear that he intends to seek re-election, held out the possibility on Sunday night that all American forces would be out of Vietnam by the time of the presidential election in November.

Mr. Nixon said in an hour-long television interview ranging mainly over world issues that he was hoping to announce a stepped-up withdrawal rate from Vietnam later this month, following last week's five-day bombing blitz of North Vietnam, which he said had been "very, very effective."

Asked whether U.S. involvement in the war could be over by the November election, he said this depended on one factor — American prisoners. The prisoner question had already been discussed with China and would be raised again by him when he visits Peking next month.

Soviet, China visits

Mr. Nixon brushed aside any suggestion his trips to Peking and Moscow might be politically motivated to help him in the presidential election and said that in his talks in the two capitals he would not be giving away any bargaining advantage.

Mr. Nixon, seated in an armchair in his oval office, appeared relaxed and confident as he surveyed the world scene at the opening of a presidential election year.

He made full use of the opportunity to present the achievements of his administration — certain to lead to a demand from the Democrats for equal television time.

Promising to formally announce his decision by January 14, Mr. Nixon said he saw nothing at present that would make him not run for a second White House term and strongly indicated that his controversial Vice-President, Mr. Spiro Agnew, would again be his running mate.

On the U.S. economy, which is certain to be a key issue in the presidential election campaign, Mr. Nixon said he believed he would achieve his target of cutting inflation in half by the end of this year, but acknowledged that wage-price controls might be necessary in some sectors beyond then.



The Liberian President, Dr. William R. Tolbert, came to the international airport at Monrovia on Sunday to greet Mrs. Richard Nixon, who arrived to attend yesterday's presidential inauguration.



A pleased Safad woman walks off with her share of chickens at a free distribution to needy residents last week. Police were on hand to keep excited citizens in check.

Court clash over oil ship U.K. firm tests legality of Libya seizure

SYRACUSE, Sicily (Reuter). — British Petroleum (B.P.) is staging a test case in Italy to claim ownership of oil from B.P. fields nationalized by Libya last month.

The action centres round a cargo of Libyan oil from a 36,284-ton Panamanian-registered tanker, Capetan Elias. B.P. is trying to prove its ownership of oil brought to Sicily aboard the tanker, a B.P. executive from London, Mr. Maurice Harrison, is now in Syracuse but he says he is here simply as an observer and that the matter is in the hands of a local court.

The court, at a special hearing, ordered the ship's papers impounded and samples taken of the crude oil in its tanks but the results of the analysis have not yet been made known publicly. Mr. Harrison said the chemical composition of the crude oil from B.P.'s Libyan wells, nationalized by the Libyan Government on December 7, was well known, and it was up to the court to establish whether the oil on the Capetan Elias came from those wells.

'Every time we dig for water we find oil'

TRIPOLI (AP). — "Our peasants create farming areas, Libya has set up a state firm with capital of \$5m. to dig a chain of wells throughout the country. It also has signed a contract with the American firm Westinghouse for construction of a \$15m. desalting plant on the Mediterranean. It will provide water for 20,000 farmers in western Libya.

Oil brings in nearly \$6m. a day, but that industry employs only a fraction of the population of 2m. Nearly 70 per cent of them are peasants who farm or raise animals. There isn't enough rainfall or water in the country for their needs.

As a result, Libya imports nearly all its food from Italy, Spain, Tunisia, Egypt and Lebanon. Gaddafi has called for a revolution in agriculture with the goal of tripling farm and livestock production in five years. He plans to spend \$550m. on development of water resources, land reclamation and road building.

Only 8 per cent of Libya's 680,000 square miles is cultivable. To increase farming areas, Libya has set up a state firm with capital of \$5m. to dig a chain of wells throughout the country. It also has signed a contract with the American firm Westinghouse for construction of a \$15m. desalting plant on the Mediterranean. It will provide water for 20,000 farmers in western Libya.

Fallen Lin Piao still has his friends

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH

SINGAPORE (Oma). —

TO the vexation of his detractors at the top, it is proving peculiarly difficult to persuade the soldiers, Party cadres or even the Chinese "masses" to take up the chorus of condemnation against Vice-Chairman Lin Piao and his henchmen, to "beat the dog already in the water." For the dog was demigod yesterday and none can be sure that he is really dead or down today.

The "moderate" Premier Chou En-lai and the new "power holders" at the head of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) were evidently determined to strip Lin of his synthetic supremacy as Mao's "right hand" and to reduce him to his substantive rank as one of China's nine ex-marshals. Their ultimate object was to abolish the draft constitution which sets a seal upon his nomination and to perpetuate collective leadership once Mao died.

And it looks as if they had an incongruous ally. At the head of her extremist clique at the other end of the Peking-Chiang Ching, Mao's magnetic and perfidious wife had her own score to settle with the crown prince. They had quarrelled furiously during the Cultural Revolution and Lin Piao had won.

He was also the obvious piece to exchange for her confidant Chen Po-ta. Chen had been made scapegoat for the excesses of the Maoists during the Cultural Revolution; Lin could be made scapegoat for the errors of the military who had risen to power on its ruins.

Vicious attacks

Although Lin Piao has not been attacked by name, he has been the real target of a vicious paper offensive condemning him as "chief of the opportunist line" with "blatant connections abroad," an "ambitionist" involved in a "criminal conspiracy to restore capitalism." Two weeks ago, however, Peking propagandists also began criticising those who would not throw themselves enthusiastically into the campaign against Lin and his loyal subordinates. They pointed out that the proletarian Left was waging a protracted war against the opportunistic Right within the Chinese Communist movement but unhappily many were "lacking the spirit for a thorough revolution" and "entertaining all sorts of misgivings."

Uncertainty is reflected even in the apparently uncompromising charges levelled against Lin Piao in provincial newspapers and broadsheets — if they are compared, some condemn him as a leftist, others denounce him as a rightist. The balance have somewhat precariously nailed him as a rightist, tending to be more left than the leftists, but when they attack him for this class revolutionary extremism they could easily be attacking the real revolutionary extremism of the Maoist faction in Peking.

The ordinary Chinese have excellent reasons for not giving up their seats on the fence in order to stand tip-toe and be counted against Lin Piao. Lin, "the Tiger Cat," commanded the Fourth Field Army in the fratricidal campaign to drive Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalists into the sea in 1949. This formation was already more than 700,000 strong by the time it had overrun Manchuria in the north and was destined to be immortalized in the plastic art Communist call history as the most heroic of the five field armies that made Mao master of all China.

Moreover, Lin had been Defence Minister since 1959 and crown prince

virtually since 1968. The heirs of the old Fourth Field Army tradition dominate in much of north China and along the Sino-Soviet border, and other "commanders" loyal to Lin have been infiltrated into military regions further south.

This still means that even before his star waned the Tiger Cat would not count on the allegiance of more than half of the PLA, broadly speaking, but men nonetheless hesitates to turn upon the nearest "Linists" in the local Army or Party hierarchy for they cannot be certain even today that they will not come out of the current shuffle at the top of the pack.

The Cultural Revolution taught a sharp lesson. In 1967 the cadres of the disgraced ex-President Lin Shao-chi were being hunted down relentlessly by Red Guards, and left-wing "revolutionary rebels" were all the rage. Yet three years later the Red Guards had been sent down to the farms to be reformed, the "rebels" had been stripped of all but token authority, and the sometimes vengeful cadres and soldiers they had so pitilessly reviled once more held all the local power in their hands.

Again, the case against Lin Piao is flimsy and perjury is suspected. For example, Lin stands accused of tampering with Mao's Thoughts in the little red book of quotations which he first edited for the PLA and which subsequently became Chi-

na's pocket bible. But Lin put it out in 1964. Is it really to be supposed that his ideas had been mangled — even "castrated" — for another seven years? Lin Piao is also charged with plotting to murder Mao and of attempting to flee to Russia when all was discovered.

Yet it would be almost treasonous to believe a story which implies that Mao is as glib as a leader as Lin is incompetent as an assassin.

Then there is the record of Lin Piao's loyalty to Mao. As Defence Minister he carried favour with his chief by subordinating the Army to the Party, setting politics above military practice, exhorting the chairman as an inflexible genius and putting the bayonets of the PLA behind his Cultural Revolution. For this the pragmatic Chou En-lai and the new military power-holders wanted Lin's crown, leaving it to Chiang Ching, Mao's strident Selome in Peking, to demand his head, it would appear.

The tactics of the moderates are in some ways more dangerous, however, for when they snipe at Lin Piao for ultra-Maoism, for lauding individual genius and giving priority over production, they are aiming off to hit Mao himself. But it is always possible that Mao became disillusioned with Lin and — half-impelled, half inclined — sacrificed him as a wasting asset.

ONLY A 'LITTLE WAR' AS FAR AS WARS GO

Can man run his world?

IT was a little war, as wars go, with perhaps 10,000-20,000 killed and 7,000,000-8,000,000 more maimed, how many talented children who might have loved and worked had their lives not been snuffed out.

This Indian seemed it neatly, with skill and dispatch, moving in with big guns, tanks, and planes, using the Russians in the U.N. to gain time as the Russians used them in the global power struggle, and tying up the whole bundle afterward with a ceasefire and a new state in an elegant Christmas package. The marriage dragging the Indian guns at the end were a perfect symbol of the combination of death and kindness, as the mass-averages of Bengali intellectuals and the later tortures of the raskars were a symbol of what is scabrous in any war.

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dealt a serious blow by the Soviet-Indian adventure.

The chances of building a firmer framework for world peace, which every ordinary man and woman longs for, have been set back for who knows how long. They may be revived in the latter 1970's, but for the next five years I see not peace but the clanking of national swords, the unfurling of national banners, and the resumption of a struggle among the Great Powers.

The hollow men in the Foreign Ministries have spoken their place and executed their manoeuvres like marionettes, at the behest of their top leaders. The leaders in turn, confident of mastery over the fate of nations, are themselves caught in the grip of forces they cannot control, and make moves whose consequences they cannot foresee.

Anger and hatred

Always there is the anger and hatred of multitudes whose passions have to be aroused if wars are to work, and always the suffering of countless people who are the final victims. Now, in addition, there are the stockpiles of nuclear weapons, produced by a madness that hasn't been checked, held in readiness for a madness which — once launched — may have no end. The whole picture is what Matthew Arnold saw at Dover Beach, "a darling plain-swept by confused alarms of struggle and flight, where ignorant armies clash by night."

Can man run his world? Thus far the problem of power — tribal, national, imperial — has proved beyond his powers. He will stumble along, bloodied and bloodying, unable to cope with his hatreds, aggressions, and belated instinctual drives, saddled with language which itself inflames as well as communicates, until he either learns to master his wars or blows up his planet.

No victors

But like every war it created more problems than it resolved. No one came out of it a winner. The Russians, with the best claim to victory, have thrown America and China more closely together. They have cast strong doubt on their rhetoric of accommodation in Europe, the Middle East, and the SALT talks.

As for India, it has a highly dangerous member and protector, who will become a power in the Asian sea, will use the current anti-Communist feeling in India as a way of strengthening Communist sentiment from Kerala to Calcutta, and will exact a stiff price for the aid in any war.

Up to now India has had a margin of safety by playing off Russia and America against each other and getting aid from both. Lacking a miracle of some sort, the era of dust and blood to India is over, and India

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Gandhi becomes more of a client-prisoner of the Russians than she wants to be. Faced with a more hostile China, plagued with ethnic separatist movements that will take Sino-India as their model, India in the Indian Age may open up a Time of Troubles by the very fact of triumph.

The Chinese come out badly, with their powerlessness showing a sad experience after the failure over their entrance into the U.N. Despite their promise to make trouble for India, they will feel more surrounded than ever by Soviet power.

The Americans came out almost as badly, with their failure to foresee the Soviet-Indian power move and to plan and act against it, with their ineffectiveness at the U.N. and with their shrill weary posture of sending their fleet into South Asia waters.

Pakistan and the U.N. came out worst of all. Shuhov's pathetic speech to the U.N. Security Council seems now to have been the mummery of the dead addressing the dying.

The whole business raises the question of whether the ordering of global affairs is within the competence of man. The peacekeeping effort inside and through the U.N. hasn't worked. The age-old dream of creating a Concert of Great Powers to keep the peace, revived briefly in the Nixon-Kissinger Grand Design outside the U.N., has been

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Too free, yet too dogmatic

Georg Lukacs' fate as a thinker

It is easy to be a martyr; it is much more difficult to appear in a shady light for the sake of an idea. With that quotation from Feuchtwanger's "Jew Süss," the editor ends his introduction to this collection of essays on Georg Lukacs. Now, some months after Lukacs' death at 88, it makes a fitting epitaph. The idea which brought him into the shady light of doubtful manly and false confessions was Lukacs' version of a humanistic Marxism. The question that arises, as one reviews the man's long and difficult career, is whether that idea was worthy of his talent.

Lukacs was the son of a Jewish banker wealthy enough to be dubbed "Van Lukacs." Revolting against this bourgeois world (which he scorned for the rest of his days), the young Lukacs began his intellectual journey by writing on the theory of literature. After his conversion to Marxism, the next and crucial stage in Lukacs' development, he rejected his previous, idealistic works. He played an active part in the Hungarian revolution of March, 1919, and took exile in Vienna five months later. There he wrote "History and Class Consciousness" (1923), which questioned the scientific verifiability of dialectical materialism. Five years later, he drew up a liberalized programme for his exiled party.

GEORG LUKACS: The Man, His Work and His Ideas. Edited by G.H.R. Parkinson. London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson. 254 pp.

Reviewed by David Weiser



GEORG LUKACS

Strategy of survival

Lukacs the politician met with little success except in antagonizing his more rigid comrades. When his programme was rejected, he indulged in public "self-criticism" in order to stay in the Party; when his book was attacked for its "revisionism," he kept silent until eventually (in 1933) he had to confess his "ultra-Left subjectivist activism." Mistaken should be made of stronger stings. But Lukacs was too much of a Marxist to think in terms of martyrdom. His strategy was to survive, using his influence to alter the Communist establishment from within. Here, again, he seems not to have succeeded. Even today his works are published and read in the non-Communist world only, a world that Lukacs persistently attacked for its irrationalism and decadence.

This book of essays on Lukacs does justice to his range of interests. In the wide realms of literature and philosophy he moved freely but was always governed by the same laws of Reason formulated by Marx and modified somewhat by the humanistic tradition. The result is a degree of insight into the modern world, the kind of insight that only an outsider can enjoy. There is also a complete disregard for the problems of Communism, which by definition do not exist. Alienation, subjectivism, escapism are seen as by-products of capitalism, not of technological mass society in general, and they do not occur (by definition) in socialist lands. Even as late as "Conversations" (1967), Lukacs clung to this official, simplistic line. He could do so because, despite his breadth of interest, Soviet life and literature had never furnished him with subject matter. The less said the better, Lukacs' silence implied, and therefore he chose to write on Balzac, Goethe, Tolstoy and other writers who had lived before socialism (and Socialist Realism) turned from ideas to realities.

There are two notable exceptions, however, the first being Thomas Mann. A friend of Mann's since the 1920s, Lukacs continued to praise

limbo that he occupied during his lifetime: too free for pedestrian Communists who expect the writer to be a "cultural engineer" and too dogmatic even for Leftist intellectuals.

The contributors to this anthology are generally sympathetic to Lukacs' work. The rather technical essays on Lukacs' aesthetics, in which he did his last work, are valuable. They impose so many qualifications, however, that not much of Lukacs' original framework is left standing. His more obvious shortcomings as a literary critic are shown in three of the essays. A case in point is Lukacs' devotion to Sir Walter Scott, whom he elevates to the rank of a classic writer. George Steiner some years ago proclaimed enthusiastically that "it was only to be expected that a popular life" would that suffice to make him a good novelist? Lukacs' passion for categorizing, his relative indifference to form and style, make his judgments vulnerable. What compensates for these weaknesses at least partially is his Humanistic ideal, his concern for the integrity of social and natural man. This concern finds no similar expression in the formalist criticism that is usually practiced in English today.

In sum, this is a specialist's anthology, assuming a familiarity with Lukacs' works, many of them not translated from the German. The reader who lacks this familiarity should obtain "The Historical Novel" and "Studies in European Realism." As a general introduction, he can use George Lichtheim's helpful, critical study of Lukacs. The effort to read Lukacs (not to mention his commentators) is worthwhile in that he offers an alternative, though an inadequate one, to modern nihilism.

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Ideological limbo

Lukacs' fate as a thinker will be to remain in the same ideological

GRAHAM GREENE'S SORT OF LIFE

GREENEOPHILES will hasten to read this work in which Graham Greene writes of Graham Greene. Some readers will be hopelessly disappointed while others will accord the book unqualified praise. Those who expect to find adventure; those who expect to find smugglers (like Calypso in "The Man Within"), journalists (like Fowler in the war-torn Vietnam of the French period recounted in "The Quiet American"), and racketeers (like Harry Lime in "The Third Man") those who expect to encounter here the embodiment of Greene's variegated assortment of heroes and villains will feel cheated. But those who look forward to reading an autobiographical account of the early days of an English headmaster's son who grew up to be Graham Greene will enjoy the book thoroughly.

Greene's style and use of language are impeccable. He credits this partly to a French teacher who taught him the importance of "precision in any language." The pages of this book, as of all his books, flow by effortlessly. Were the years portrayed in it lived as effortlessly?

Childhood

Most of the book is devoted to the author's childhood amidst a prolific assortment of Greene aunts, uncles, and cousins, a childhood which seems quite normal. There are normal loves — a teddy bear, lead soldiers, cricket games, books, the country; normal hates — gym class and family games; normal pleasures — daydreaming, stealing away; normal fears — drowning, birds and moths, fire, climbing the stairs to bed. Graham is a likable child and he induces the reader's dislike of the "establishment" which often brings misery to this child's life. Yet this was not an ordinary youth. For a 16-year-old to be sent for psychoanalysis in the 1920s was more than just unusual. And, while many children suffer the strains of boredom, few seek to relieve this

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Reviewed by Shula Eisner



GRAHAM GREENE

boredom as Greene did. Drinking great quantities of beer is somewhat acceptable, but having a perfectly healthy tooth pulled for the pleasure of a few minutes' escape which the other provided already reaches the realm of the bizarre. And playing Russian roulette with a real gun and a real bullet — Greene played it six different times, perhaps trying to give the odds a fair chance — already is more than bizarre.

Sexuality and eroticism played a conspicuous role in Greene's adolescence, but not more than for most boys. But unlike most boys, novelists, poets, and playwrights were an integral part of his development. He looks back on these years as years of "flight, rebellion and misery during those first sixteen years when the novelist is formed." He began writing at an early age, and progressed from the school newspaper to a job as a sub-editor of "The Times." Considering the prolificacy of his writing, it is surprising to read of his early failures. On the

one hand, he seems to have agonized over the problem of entering his own words, which he terms reporting rather than writing; on the other hand, he decries authors' remaining aloof and sees his earlier failures as stemming from his desire to "withhold."

Greene writes of his conversion to Catholicism, inspired by his engagement to a Catholic girl, and his early relationship with the Church. His wife is mentioned briefly and does not figure prominently in the book.

Boredom

Greene's preoccupation with boredom leads to the conclusion that his books were written as a mature man's alleviation of this boredom — considerably later than Russian roulette. While it is true, cut, from the years covered in this autobiography, to conceive of him as the author of the adventurous tales he tells, he does refer — in footnotes and passing comments — to a later, more exciting period of his life — days in Liberia, Vietnam, the Secret Service, travels in the Congo.

The style of this work is in keeping with that of Greene's more recent writings. If one re-reads "Samboul Train," one of his early successes, it almost seems like the work of another author; but reading "Travels with My Aunt" or the short stories in "My We Borrow Your Husband," one almost feels that they are a continuation of his autobiography.

"A Sort of Life" ends on a somewhat pessimistic note — "For writers, success is delayed failure" — but Greene's humour and whimsicality, even in the face of adversity, tend to counter any realty this pessimism might convey. I look forward to "A Sort of Life, Part II."

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HOW TO LIVE WITH THE GOLEM

FUTURE SHOCK by Alvin Toffler. New York, Bantam, 361 pp. \$1.95.

Reviewed by Dina Eliash

WHAT happens to the sanity of a Western industrial man when the pace of change is accelerated beyond his ability to adapt? Alvin Toffler, a former Editor of "Fortune" magazine, coined the term "future shock" to describe the stress and confusion experienced by modern man as a result of the ever-widening gap between a rapidly changing environment and his own slower response. Toffler is not the only person to discover the danger of rushing into tomorrow unprepared, but joins an illustrious gallery of prophets, most of whom have based their forecasts on clues supplied by their times. Unlike most of them, however, he works out a method of thought — not a sure-fire formula, but a series of suggestions intended to serve as directional arrows, pointing the way toward what was before the "ecology" of the future, one of humanity's blind spots. He writes: "Previously, men studied the past to shed light on the present. I have turned the time-mirror around, convinced that a coherent image of the future can also be shown as with valuable insights into today."

Toffler seeks to lay to rest several ghosts. Concerning Aldous Huxley's warnings about Big Brother, he believes that — in spite of Huxley's accurate predictions of some bio-technological achievements — the odds are against a uniform, inhuman "Brave New World." The compass of change has turned full circle since the Industrial Age, of which Huxley was a product, and, Toffler maintains, the computer revolution assures us of an infinite variety of life-styles, social systems and goods. Far from Huxley's concept of mechanical order, Toffler sees us moving toward an era of individual decisions and over-choice: "The problem is not whether man can survive regimentation and standardization. The problem is whether he can survive freedom."

With the new daylight of transience and the partially committed, never fully involved modern man, Toffler seeks to banish George Or-

well's political nightmare. The life of a static, imprisoned society need no longer be feared, but rather the exaggerated demands of novelty as the New Nomads wander across the face of the earth. In the U.S., millions of people change dwellings, careers and friends in the course of a year; they use disposable clothes, dishes and furniture. Cars, parties and people are rented, and the great loves and fads supersede one another at a mind-boggling pace. People change countries, habits and appearance as they trek from one adventure to the next. Life is becoming a series of fragments; jobs are mere "projects," school is a jumble of "credits" and "courses." Marriage is no longer binding, sex a matter of everyone's taste. Values are lost in the shuffle. Half the world is in orbit — some, speediest, are trying to get off, while the rest, earth-bound by poverty, are struggling to hop on the merry-go-round.

Society has constructed the Golem of change and is now trying to avoid being caught. Society is ill with exhaustion — it has come down with "future shock."

Evolution blamed

Ever since Darwin put a monkey on mankind's back, evolution has been blamed for most of our imperfections. Arthur Koestler, in his "The Ghost in the Machine," talks about his quest for a vaccine that could speed the evolution of our inadequate channels of communication between instinct and intelligence, thus merging emotion and reason into one.

There is much to be said in favour of such instant sanity-graft, but what should future-shocked man do while he waits for someone's "Shrekis!" — go mad?

Toffler offers no instant remedies. He does offer a thorough diagnosis of the illness, which in itself is a healing factor, and a highly readable synthesis of expert opinion, personal vision and constructive suggestions based on well-researched facts.

His "vaccine" for survival includes new "time horizons" for planners in industry, education and government:

"Technocrats suffer from myopia. Their instinct is to think about immediate returns, immediate consequences. They are premature members of the new generation. Long-range planning can no longer mean a mere 'five-year plan.' 'Anticipatory democracy' should bring all the various groups of society into 'social future assemblies,' through which all population would become part of society's guidance machinery."

How cope with a future that promises tamed viruses in the production of food; genetically designed babies; man-machine combinations, called Cyborgs; underwater cities; sequential marriages — one for each phase of the individual's life — and the proliferation of life-styles and cults? Toffler suggests that new inventions be carefully studied — their future implications weighed — in favour of the public good, before developments not yet sprung half-baked on the world; future-thinking skills, such as plotting the outcomes of various actions, be taught; but above all, that the speed of change be tightly controlled, to better match our still sluggish adaptive glands.

"Future Shock" is not a Bible, nor does Toffler pretend to be the apostle of a new faith. We would be well advised, however, to use his suggestions as incentives towards a new direction of thought. Even if only to prolong the illusion that fate is not our master, but we are the masters of our fate.

Dina Eliash is a free-lance writer living in Bat-Yam.

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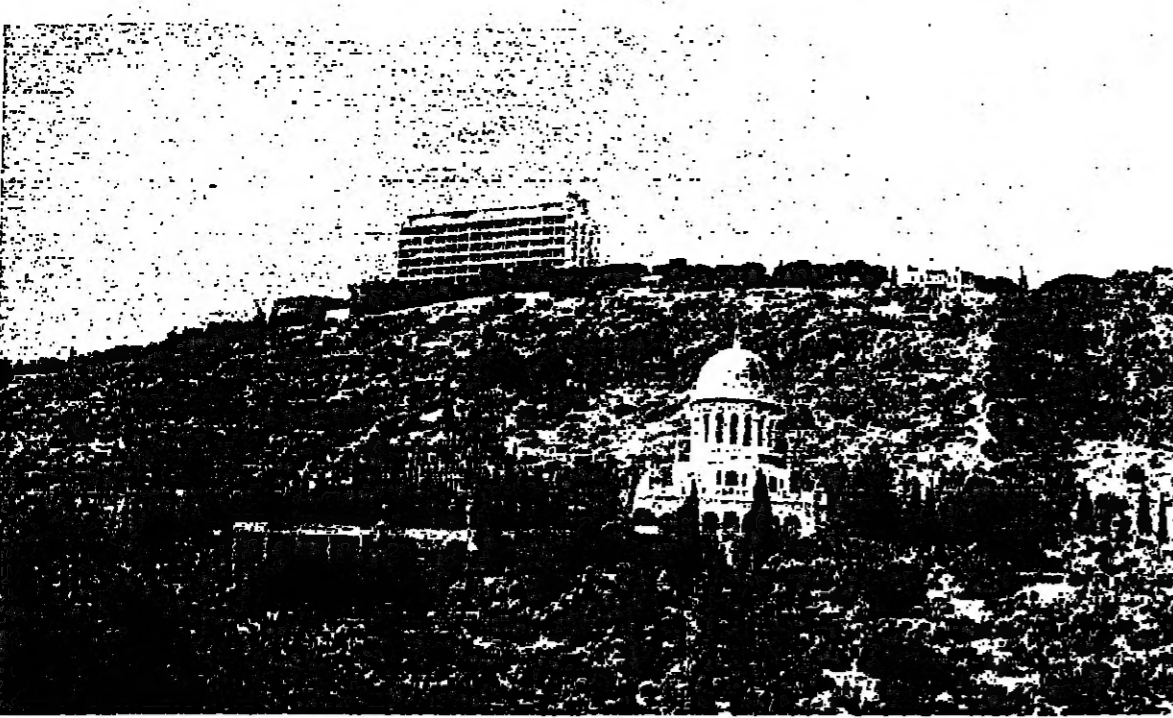
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Threat to Haifa view



Panorama Road skyline which, residents claim, will be ruined by a proposed new high-rise hotel. The existing building on the skyline is the Dan Carmel Hotel. In the centre of the hill is the Bahai temple. (Rubinger photo)

By YA'ACOV AEDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — In the low side of Panorama Road (Rahov Yafa Nof) the site for a high-rise hotel will block the open view from street level along a front of 20 metres. This was discussed at the District Town Planning Commission last week when it heard some of the objections to the project, which has been submitted by the municipality on behalf of building contractor Ya'acov Fritsker.

The project calls for the building of a 230-room hotel of about 30 storeys on a six dunam site near the Allenby Garden, almost opposite the 120 Club discotheque. Among the several dozen objectors are neighbours whose splendid view of the town, the sea and the hills will be replaced by one of modern hotel front, and residents who fear for the town's beauty, its skyline, and the loss of individuality and tourist appeal.

The hearings by the 15-man commission took all of the members' minds, chaired by district representative Dr. Nattali Eilat, were

opened by advocate Alexander Tirosh for the contractor with a protest against the multiplicity of objectors.

For the Council for the Beautification of Israel, Mr. Avir Shmoum, a lawyer, read out the law that "anybody concerned with a planning detail" had the right to object and to be heard, especially where the panoramic view of the city is at stake. He was upheld by Chairman Eilat.

Mr. Shmoum said Haifa had three assets: the sea and the mountains, and a splendid skyline. High-rise buildings would spoil the mountain. The panoramic view was put under the protection of a specific by-law in 1958. Once it was violated, a precedent was established which would be followed by more high-rise, view-obstructing buildings. "It will set into motion a trend the commission will not be able to halt."

A lawyer, Dr. Emmanuel Sharon, condemned the plan "on functional, aesthetic, tourist and urbanistic grounds." Close to Central Carmel, the project would further increase the high-density building without any corresponding increase of open

space for public needs, such as roads, parking or a promenade. The area could not cope with present traffic needs.

Panorama Road residents objected because their homes, for which they paid high prices to benefit from the fine view, would lose in value. They would also be charged for the widening of the road.

City Engineer Yosef Cohen defended the project on the grounds of planning and urgent need. The street, after the building of the hotel and other view-blocking structures, would offer "wide windows" to look out on the landscape. Along parts of the street the view was already blocked by existing buildings and by Aseby Park. In Panorama Road and Eilat Avenue down to Ramat Hadar, 1,800 out of 2,250 metres now offered an open view, and a 20-metre-wide obstruction would not change the situation materially.

Dr. Eilat, summing up, said that if the city hall would submit a comprehensive plan for the whole area, it would make the committee's work easier.

The committee has fixed no date for announcing its decisions.

Readers' letters

Bureaucrats at licence office

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Renewing my automobile registration in Haifa took me three hours today. This included two hours waiting for my turn at the window and nearly an hour standing around while the clerk searched for the files.

Literally tens of thousands of hours are wasted each year this way and there is understandable resentment at the loss of half a day compared with the five-minute renewal processes that is all that is necessary. In the U.S. for example, one merely mails a check along with a tear-off portion of the license a few weeks in advance and receives the new registration in the mail. No working time is lost, and the clerical work load is much smoother due to the absence of persistent customer interruptions.

Mrs. Meir has urged the government ministries to serve the public better, and the renewal process is an obvious place for improvement. Specific changes which might be considered are:

1. Beginning a renewal-by-mail procedure.

2. Alleviating the discomfort of long waits by providing more chairs, unlocking the toilets, installing a customer-numbering system instead of physically standing in queue, etc.

3. Staggering the work breaks so that no one has window closed in his face.

4. Posting large notices, in several languages, which explain the forms to be filled out, the documents required, the office hours and work-breaks, and the number of separate steps involved.

PAUL SCHWEITZER,
Visiting Associate Professor,
Haifa, November 8.

Ministry of Transport refers:

Professor Schweitzer refers to a problem which we are only too well aware of and which we often complain about, namely, a lack of manpower. Nonetheless, our employees do their jobs with efficiency and devotion and it is easy to imagine how the situation would improve if

we could take on additional employees at the Licensing Office.

To return to Professor Schweitzer's complaint, we wish to point out that there is a special arrangement between the Technion (where Professor Schweitzer works) and the Licensing Office: one person — Mrs. Zimmerman — was appointed to deal directly with the Licensing Office concerning all matters connected with the vehicles of the Technion staff.

For some unknown reason, Professor Schweitzer chose to go directly to the Licensing Office instead of going through the Technion representative; unfortunately, he picked a day when dozens of vehicles were taken off the road and sent to the Licensing Office as a result of the winter safety campaign.

We hope that such incidents will not recur and apologize to Professor Schweitzer.

Y. AMITAI, Spokesman
Jerusalem, December 26.

THANKS FROM INDIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — This is to express my appreciation, as well as the appreciation of many of my friends, for the help given by the people of Israel to the Bangla Desh refugees who had sought relief in India. Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift.

Unfortunately, politics is a very decent game. Consequently, the relationship between Israel and India at the diplomatic level is not quite satisfactory. It is left to the people, therefore, to establish a friendly relationship. This cannot be restricted to cultural societies. Friendship should be maintained at a personal level and I appeal to Israelis to have penfriends in India. I myself would like to write to various people — teachers, students, soldiers, nurses, etc. (My address is New Law College, Bombay 19).

SUBHASH B. BAPAT
Bombay, December 22.

A WELL-PLANNED EXCURSION

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Light Classical Music Concert No. 2; Conductor: Julius Rudel; Soloist: Beverly Sills, soprano (Mata Andricum, Tel Aviv, December 25). Berlioz: "The Roman Carnival" Overture; Bizet: Symphony in C Major; Ravel: Bolero; Arias by Charpentier ("Louise"); Massenet ("Manon"), and Thomas ("Mignon").

WITH one exception, this concert was a well-planned excursion into the 19th-century, light French repertoire. The opening work — the fiery Berlioz Carnival Overture, was played somewhat slower than usual, but lost none of its brilliancy and virtuoso effectiveness.

The Bizet Symphony on the other hand, although performed with love and dedication by Mr. Rudel, was an extremely dull experience. This composition really lives only because it is some kind of musical anachronism, and once you become acquainted with its few charms, further listening is a considerable nuisance.

Yet, for the oboist and the string section, the second movement — the only one by the way which contains some original ideas — is a blessed occasion to display their skill. It must be said that both Mr. Guarnieri, the oboist, and the string players poured the sweetest of tones into their long reflective lines of cantabile.

Ravel's irresistible Bolero, although gradually climbing up as demanded, did not somehow reach a



peak, and the last section impressed me as noisy rather than sonorous or colourful. However, it was extremely rewarding to follow each of the excellent reed and brass players in their intriguing interplay. Each stood up extremely well to all pressure.

After these three lengthy orchestral works, a very trying experience for our permanently star-hungry audience, Miss Sills' entry was somewhat of a dramatic event. However, the first number, Louise's famous aria, was not at all to my liking. A considerable tremolo marred the beauty of many tones, and sugary sentimentality overshadowed, musically, the performance.

Miss Sills is, nevertheless, an artist of the greatest diversity, and the remaining two arias were conspicuously different. Her voice emerged bright and sparkling and her nuances ranged from the rigorously strong and powerful to the most gentle, melting pianissimo.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

YOUNG SETTLERS FOR AREAS

TEL AVIV — In the past few weeks, more than 100 young people have joined a new movement for settling in the administered areas.

This was stated last week by Shmuel Bahagon, the 19-year-old Tel Avivian who last year initiated the non-party "young-settler" movement, and won support for his effort from the various institutions and settlement movements.

He himself is joining a Nahal group in the Jordan Valley, four hundred boys and girls have applied to join the movement since it started,

and of these, 100 were found suitable for pioneer life.

The three groups now preparing for settlement, all within the Nahal framework, are a moshav group which will join one of the settlements in the Jordan Valley, north of Jericho; an Ihud Hakibbutzim Garin training at Kibbutz Ha'on in the Jordan Valley with the intention of settling in the Jordan rift, and a group of religious youngsters, training at Neot Hakdker in the Arava, which has joined the Ihud Hakal movement and will settle at Hamra in the Jordan rift.

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The new bank incorporates the merger of branches of Barclays Bank in Israel and Mercantile Bank Limited (formerly a subsidiary of Israel Discount Bank Limited). This development follows the pattern of mergers policy in other parts of a world and represents a closer and stronger involvement in the affairs of Israel.

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Miami shuts out Colts, to meet Dallas in final

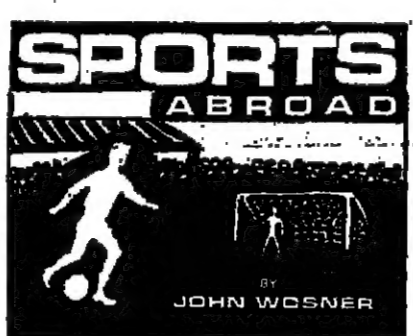
THESE Rage-to-riches Miami Dolphins mesmerized the Baltimore Colts with two long-scoring plays — Bob Griese's 75-yard pass to Paul Warfield and Dick Anderson's 62-yard interception return — and won their first American Football Conference Championship Sunday by defeating the Colts 21-0.

The victory for the Dolphins, who only two years ago were the ragged underdogs of the American Football League, sends them into the Super Bowl January 16, against the National Conference champions, the Dallas Cowboys, who defeated San Francisco 14-8.

It also deprived the defending champion Colts, of an opportunity to return to the Super Bowl and prove that their much-ridiculed triumph over Dallas in last year's Super Bowl was no fluke.

There was no fluke either on Sunday, the Dolphins totally shutting down every Baltimore attempt to score behind the efforts of Johnny Unitas and handing the Colts their first shutout in 97 games, dating back to December 5, 1965.

Dallas smothered the usually stingy San Francisco aerial game, intercepting three John Brodie passes and turning one of them into a touch down. Calvin Hill provided the winning score with a one-yard touchdown plunge early in the second period.



SOCCER

MANCHESTER United suffered one of their heaviest defeats of the season and had their lead at the head of the First division cut to two points when they were beaten 3-0 by West Ham in London on Saturday.

The game itself was rated one of the best of the season, and had Manchester had a larger share of the luck they could have even won. Dennis Law hit the post at least twice and George Best saw one of his shots bounce out of the goalie's hands, hit the inside of the post and trickle all the way along the goal line before it was cleared by a defender.

Manchester City, who are in second place, could only manage a 2-2 home draw against lowly Notts Forest.

Leeds United ended Liverpool's record of 41 home games without defeat, which stretched back to March 1970, by winning 2-0 at Anfield and moving into third place. Derby County kept in the championship race with a 1-0 victory over Chelsea, who had had a run of 13 games without defeat.

Alan Ball, Britain's costliest player, had a mediocre game for Arsenal against his former team Everton in a drawn game, while Tottenham and Crystal Palace also shared two goals in their London derby.

Other results: Wolves 2, Newcastle 0; Coventry 1, Southampton 0; Ipswich 2, West Brom 3; Sheffield 1, Leicester 1; Huddersfield 0, Stoke 0.

BASKETBALL

THE Los Angeles Lakers, their record winning streak threatened by repeated Boston rallies, held on behind the 40-point scoring of Gail Goodrich to beat the Celtics 122-113 Sunday night for their 31st consecutive victory.

TENNIS

VETERAN Ken Rosewall retained the title of Australian singles tennis champion on Sunday when he defeated Queensland's Mal Anderson in straight sets 7-6, 8-3, 7-5, on the Kooyong Centre Court in Melbourne.

It was 37-year-old Rosewall's fourth national crown, following his wins in 1953 and 1956 as an amateur, and last year as a professional.

It was also the second time Anderson, only one year his junior, has been beaten in a final. He went down to Ashley Cooper in 1968.

Rosewall arrived at the courts only half an hour before he was due to play because of a traffic jam and had very little warm-up, but in spite of this, he showed he is still probably the greatest player in the world today.

He is the only player who can win this year's grand slam, providing a present rift between the W.C.T. Dallas-based pro group and the International Lawn Tennis Federation (I.L.T.F.) can be healed.

Anderson was obviously the favorite with the huge crowd, however. He broke Rosewall's serve time and again but just lacked the edge to capitalize.

Britain's Virginia Wade beat Wimbledon champion Evonne Coolidge of Australia 6-4, 6-4, in the women's singles final.

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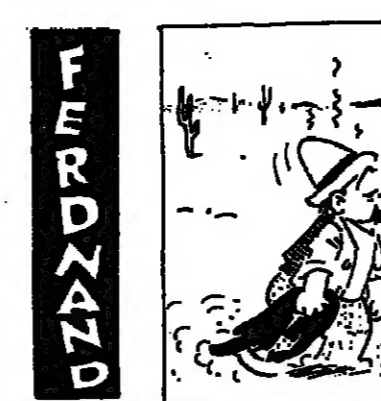
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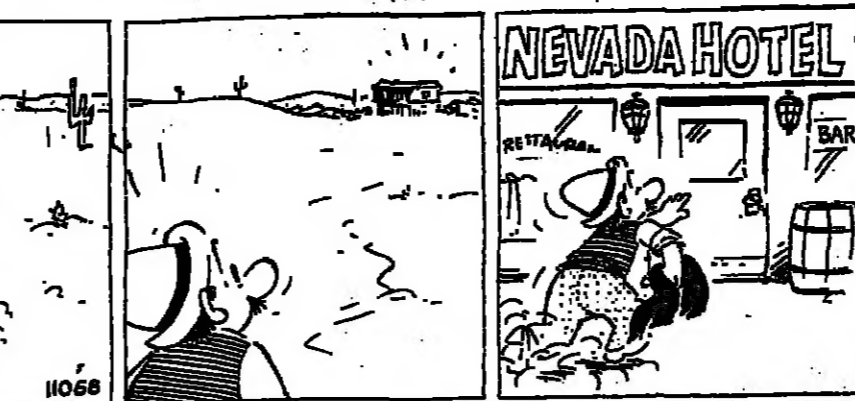
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Receiver says Autocars can be profitable

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Autocars is expected to go on existing, "because it has a good chance of being a thoroughly profitable enterprise," Mr. Yosef Yeshurun, the Official Receiver, told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday. It was holding its weekly session on the bankruptcy of Mr. Shubinsky's enterprise.

Autocars folded because it was under-capitalized, he said, and because it lacked good professional management. As these shortcomings took their toll and workers became redundant, the company was stopped by trade union pressure from effecting the necessary dismissals.

"There were 220 employees paid to do nothing at a cost (including fringe benefits) of more than IL5.5m. a year. That was an important factor precipitating the company's collapse," said Mr. Yeshurun.

Now the excess staff has gone, and it is possible to introduce efficient management. The remaining work force is competent, and keen to prove that their factory can pay its way, he thought.

Mr. Yeshurun is handling negotiations with the creditors. He is optimistic that they will make it possible for the firm to resume activity.

If it is put into liquidation and its assets sold off, losses should top IL4.5m. But if Autocars, Leyland-Ashdon, and TI remain going concerns it may be possible to pay off all but IL2.0m-IL2.2m. (out of debts totaling IL10.4m.).

But the books show that another IL1,000,000 was donated to the Education Fund.

Mr. Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) recalled that Finance Minister Sapir had told the committee that the donation to the Education Fund had been intended for Kibbutz Alonim '90 the Kibbutz got IL200,000 all told." Mr. Tamir concluded, Mr. Yeshurun promised to examine the signature on the receipts.

One witness had declared that a quarter of the IL40m. inventory was dead stock. Mr. Yeshurun did not support this accusation, stating: "We can say so far that the stock physically present, evaluated at current market prices, is worth approximately what Mr. Shubinsky said, plus or minus 10-15 per cent." The reference is evidently to mtna, since Mr. Yeshurun later estimated the shortfall at around IL2m-2.5m.

The IL4m. deposit for severance pay, thought to be attached for other debts, has been released by the creditors, and placed in the severance pay fund proper, to the workers' satisfaction.

One Knesset Member summed up, "All right, we have the picture now." Mr. Avraham Shechtman (Gahal), chairman of the committee, added, "Well, it's not exactly a Mona Lisa." But Mr. Ari Ankori (Labour) had a different opinion. He dismissed the whole investigation as "a storm in a teacup."

Another IL90,000 (in the 1970 balance-sheet) went on "gifts and entertainments," with no receipts. The company's auditors had decided that this outlay was not chargeable against tax.

Expenditure on advertisements is reported in detail, Mr. Uri Avneri (Ha'Olam Ha'elohi): "How much went to 'Lamerhav'?" (one-time journal of Abduh Ha'avoda, until recently party of the Transport Ministry).

Mr. Yeshurun: "Very little. Most of the advertising was in economic journals, and in 'Ha'aretz' (a non-party paper)."

A lot of discussion was devoted to the donations made to Kibbutz Alonim, which belongs to Abduh Ha'avoda. Mr. Shubinsky has admitted to contributing IL100,000.

Debate begins on cooperatives' law

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset began what is going to be a long and arduous debate on the first reading of the Cooperative Society Law, which is presented to the House by Labour Minister Yosef Almog.

This is the longest bill ever to be submitted to the Knesset, and also has the rare distinction of coming back for consideration for the third time.

The object of the bill, which will have to fight strong opposition from the right, is to "give a legal basis to those who have chosen to organize themselves cooperatively" according to Mr. Almog. Up to now the only legal framework for the country's 1,890 collective organizations, which includes some 750,000 people, has been a Mandatory ordinance dating back to 1933, and which is "colonial by nature and based on the situation in India at the time," the Minister said.

Cooperatives branch out into every channel of the economy, Mr. Almog said. By definition, the cooperative movement is social, and not economic.

Nearly 80 per cent of agricultural production is in the hands of cooperative societies, he said, while 100 per cent of the buses, 50 per cent of the hotels and 20 per cent of all bakeries are organized cooperatively. Cooperative societies count for 18 per cent of Israel's national product.

In the light of these statistics the Minister said he felt it was essential to formulate some legal basis for so important a branch of the economy — which, apart from controlling marketing, production and consumption, also deals with pension and sick funds.

The bill's 387 clauses, the Minister claims, will hardly change the present situation at all, but will merely provide legal backing for the existing situation. Most of the opposition from within the cooperative

movement, is based on the fear that the law will curtail what they feel is a dynamic movement.

With regard to kibbutzim, which control 41 per cent of the arable land in the country, the bill states that it is a matter of course in the way of an inheritance, or other property, he will have four months to come to some agreement with the kibbutz about how it is to be distributed. This will prevent the kibbutz from pressuring any member into making an unwise decision under threat of a unilateral deadline.

There are nearly 55,000 kibbutz members living on 333 settlements, belonging to five separate movements throughout the country. Up to now there has been no uniform system of settling property disputes, and even within each kibbutz movement there has been no clear line.

It is from the 324 moshavim, with 122,000 members producing 45 per cent of all agricultural produce, that the bill seems to have come up against the greatest opposition.

The bill defines, for the first time, what a moshav is supposed to be — a problem which has been left alone in the past due to the movement's ambivalent nature. On the one hand the moshav is collective, while on the other it guards an individual's privacy.

Each moshav has its own rules and guidelines by which its members are expected to behave. Some concentrated on the collective, while others concentrated on the individual way of life. A person joined that particular moshav which he felt best suited his needs.

FEARS UNFOUNDED

Mr. Almog said that the fears by moshav members that they would be arbitrarily kicked out of the movement because of the proposed law were greatly exaggerated. In any particular instance where a member is expelled, he said, that member has recourse to the courts and could argue his case. Also, he said, the bill defines grounds on which a member can be told to leave, but specifies that no member can be kicked off for reasons of age, ill health, debts or not paying taxes.

In the debate, members plunged vigorously into the same arguments for and against the law, which had been bandied about in its two previous versions in the House.

Gahal's Zalman Abramov argued that the bill's sole purpose was to legitimize political domination. The affairs of the moshav as a private individual, and a human being, would be subject to intolerable interference from the outside.

Mr. Bezion Halfon, the Alignment's Deputy Minister of Agriculture (and himself a moshav movement leader), made a defensive speech. He said that members lived there of their own free will, and not through compulsion. Even those who were moved to moshavim in the '40s, have already learnt that acceptance of the few essential principles is a prerequisite for remaining.

"It would be unreasonable for people who disagree with moshav principles to live in moshavim. He stressed that in any case, it would be the long and complicated procedure to expel people from moshavim.

Mr. Simha Friedman (N.R.P.) said that even a voluntary society could not exist without a code of rules based on law, despite the unpleasantness this might cause for an idealist. "People who change their opinions also have to be mature enough to draw conclusions," he said.

(The bill contains a clause enabling N.R.P. members to enforce orthodox observance.)

Gravel blocks entry to Rehavia embassy



Gravel blocking entrance of Jerusalem house housing the joint embassy of the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger and Dahomey.

By ABRAHAM RABINOWICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unusual sort of calling card was left early this week at the front door of an embassy office in Jerusalem — several tons of white gravel completely covering the entranceway and burying the front porch. A similar deposit was left at the side entrance.

The gravel was still on view yesterday at the joint Embassy of the Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger and Dahomey at 14 Rehov Ramban. It was believed to have been dumped on Sunday as a result of a dispute between the Embassy and the building's owner.

The two-storey house is owned by Dr. Adia Konikoff, a banker from Heratya, who now lives in Switzerland.

Dr. Konikoff could not be reached last night but his brother-in-law, a Mr. Babulski of Jerusalem, was traced by telephone. At first Mr. Babulski denied any knowledge of the incident. After some moments, however, he said that "he happened to have heard" that the Embassy's contract had expired at the end of the year. "As of January first, there's not there any more," he said.

Mr. Babulski is owner of the petrol station near the Israel Museum and reportedly manages Dr. Konikoff's affairs in Jerusalem.

Furniture could still be seen inside the Embassy building yesterday and staff members arrived at the office yesterday morning following the New Year's week-end, apparently ready to begin work as usual. According to neighbours, the young Africans laughed when they saw the two entrances completely blocked by gravel.

NO COMPLAINT

There is a spiral staircase at the rear of the house but it is not known if the staff made use of it to enter. Telephone calls to the offices all day drew no response. The house there an answer from the home of Ambassador Anoma Kanja, representing the four countries, or Mr. Benjamin Amuah, the Economic and Cultural Attaché.

The Foreign Ministry played down the incident, obviously hoping the gravel would somehow disappear. A spokesman said he was attempting to clear up the situation.

The Jerusalem police spokesman said that no complaint had been filed. The house, at the corner of Alhambra and Ramban, was built by Eliezer Yellin in 1925. His daughter, Mrs. Avner Yisraeli, lives in an adjoining house. The Yellin house has been rented in the past to the British Consulate and served, at one time as residential quarters for the U.S. marine contingent assigned to the American Consulate in Jerusalem.

Rabbinical court can summon ministers

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A rabbinical court has moral jurisdiction over all observant Jews, including Government ministers. This was the ruling of a ruling of the Rabbinical Supreme Court this week in a case involving Welfare Minister Michael Chazan.

In September 1971, Rabbi Yitzhak Rosenthal of Jerusalem filed a suit in the local rabbinical court against Mr. Chazan, because of the Minister's approval of girls' voluntary service, which he claimed, contravened halakha. The court ordered Mr. Chazan to appear before it and defend himself.

The Attorney-General, however, approached by the Welfare Ministry, said that the rabbinical court

had no jurisdiction over Government ministers in their official capacities.

Following this opinion, the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court revoked its order. The plaintiff, Rabbi Rosenthal, however, appealed to the Rabbinical Supreme Court, and Rabbi Eliazar, Zolti and Ellahu upheld his appeal in a decision issued on Sunday.

The Rabbinical Supreme Court states in its ruling that rabbinical courts receive their jurisdiction from the Torah — and this jurisdiction applies to all observant Jews. The Court cited Maimonides to the effect that even the king and the high priest are subject to its jurisdiction.

(Last night Mr. Chazan had not yet received the court's ruling. It was sent to his Tel Aviv home, whereas he spends the first part of the week in Jerusalem.)

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'Dado' dedicates 1st Golan moshav

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GEVAT YOAV, the Golan Heights.

The new Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, yesterday dedicated this moshav as the first permanent settlement on the Golan. The settlement was named for Yoav Shashan, who fell in the battle for the Heights.

The Housing Ministry is committed to invest another IL25m. in additional permanent housing units on the Golan by June, according to Deputy Director-General Shmuel Avni.

ZADOK U.S. and Israel share interests

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Mr. Elhan Zadok, Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said yesterday that the United States had moved forward from friendship for Israel based on the sympathy of public opinion, to "friendship based on common interest." "A strong Israel is an American interest," Mr. Zadok said at a Committee luncheon in the Knesset yesterday, to say farewell to the outgoing Chief of Staff, R/A Haim Bar-Lev.

The Israel Defense Forces had no small share in this development, Mr. Zadok said. As the most powerful force in the region, it now constitutes a weighty factor in foreign relations. He noted that the Arab terrorist organizations had ceased to be a military factor, and were no longer a political factor either.

Guests at the lunch included Defense Minister Dayan, the new Chief of Staff, R/A David Elazar, the Knesset Speaker, the Minister's aide, Mr. Zvi Zur and the previous Committee chairman, Mr. David Kochan.

THE TRADITIONAL visit to the grave of the Rambam (Maimonides) in Tiberias will take place on the anniversary of his death, Tiveth 19, this Thursday.

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ARRIVALS

Mr. G. Jere, director of the Bank of Zambia, for a week's visit as guest of the Governor of the Bank of Israel.

Mr. Jacob Stein, President of the Conference of Presidents of U.S. Jewish organizations, and President of the United Synagogue of America, and his wife, for a 10-day stay (by Tel Aviv).

Mr. Jean Nordmann, vice-chairman of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, and Mme. Susette Nordmann, President of Swiss Jews, for a week visit (by Jerusalem).

Mrs. Anita Jantovsky, President of the Italian Jewish Community, and President of Waco Italy, for the 26th Congress.

Dr. Ben Zion Barak, of the department of Bank Leumi, from a visit to Australia.

645 killed on roads in 1971

TEL AVIV. — A total of 645 persons were killed in traffic accidents during 1971, the Israel Council for the Prevention of Accidents reports. In 1970, 670 people were killed and 3,121 injured. This is a 30 per cent increase.

About a third of the dead and injured were pedestrians.

Histadrut feels out employers on wage rise

By SEVAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Labour Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has no "ultimatum" to put forward when national wage contracts come up for renewal. Secretary General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon told employers' representatives here yesterday. However, "the Histadrut has elaborated a set of ideas" in consultation with "certain bodies" and suggests that the employers accept them.

These include the payment of a full cost-of-living allowance of about six per cent, and an overall increase of six per cent on the basic wages, he said. Another idea which the Histadrut backs is the establishment of a minimum wage of IL495 a month.

Mr. Ben-Aharon had nothing but praise for the Minister of Finance for his readiness to waive some taxes. He is believed to be the "certain bodies" referred to.

Mr. Zalman Suzayer headed the employers' delegation at the meeting of the Manufacturers Association. The meeting was not meant to produce results, since the Histadrut must wait till its Executive formally adopts a policy, probably January 16.

The positions, as announced by the two main speakers, are already known in their outline. Mr. Ben-Aharon claimed that the Histadrut

felt obliged to compensate the varied persons for what was in a reduction in their real income the past two years.

The minimum wage was not of a social "must," but it served interests of the manufacturer, Mr. Ben-Aharon said.

RATIO THREATENED

Mr. Suzayer was wary of "minimum wage" idea for two reasons. In some sectors, such as textile and cardboard, stepping minimum wages would increase payroll by 15 to 44 per cent (according to a sampling made in plants). The increase in the total paycheck would be influenced to some of 2 to 25 per cent.

The other objection was more general. Higher-paid employees would seek to maintain the ratio in respect of the lowest paid. If the ratio of lower grades was upped, feared it would produce an imbalance effect, ruining the economy.

Mr. Suzayer said there was room for cost-of-living allowance. Gross wages increased by 21.3 per cent in 1971, while the national cost-of-living index increased by 18.7 per cent, said — an indication that the worker had been compensated already for the price increase.

No date was fixed for the meeting, but Mr. Ben-Aharon promised "to stay the guns" of trade unions as long as negotiations are in course.

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